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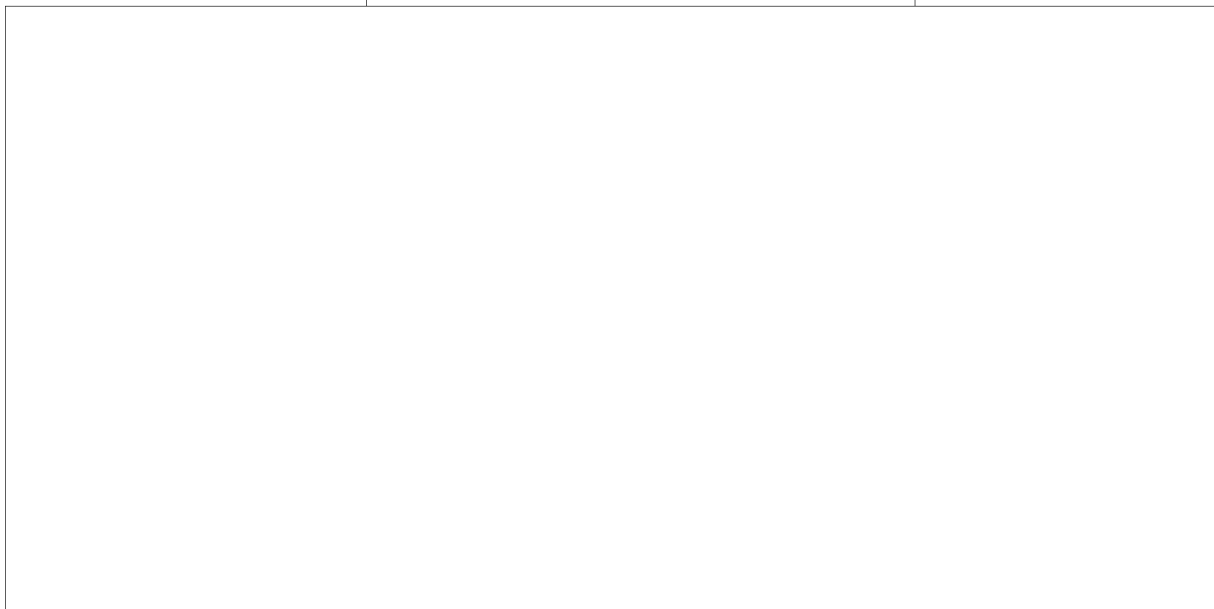
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Czech Hijacker Sentenced by Munich Court

Rudolf Becvar, who hijacked a Czechoslovak Airlines plane from Prague to Munich in October 1976, was sentenced to eight years in prison by the Munich land court on 31 March. The aircraft carried 105 passengers and a six-member crew. (See the issue of 2 November.) The prosecutor had demanded ten years for "attack on air transport and for restriction of personal freedom."

Immediately after the hijacking, Czechoslovak authorities asked for the extradition of Becvar, but West German officials have not taken any concrete steps in this respect. The court has said, however, that extradition is "admissible," according to the criminal law.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 28 March 1977

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

Explosion in Buenos Aires at
Building Housing Soviets
A bomb exploded outside a
Buenos Aires building containing
the offices of the Soviet
commercial attache and the
residences of members of the
Soviet embassy. No one was
injured. The attack was one
of several bombings in the
city on the same night.

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Date: 30 March 1977

Place: Turkey, Ankara

Stoning of USIS Building in
Ankara

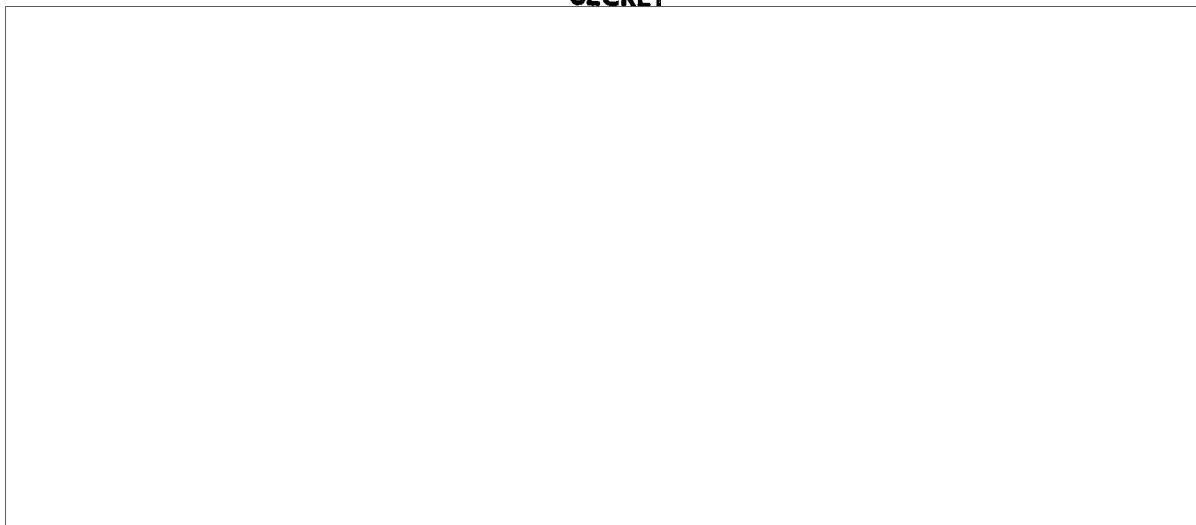
A crowd of approximately 50
youths threw several dozen
rocks at the USIS building
in Ankara on 30 March.
Several windows were broken
but no one was injured.
Local press reports linked
the attack to a series of
recent terrorist incidents
commemorating the 30 March
anniversary of the death of
a Turkish leftist terrorist.

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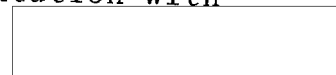
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Date: 31 March 1977
Place: Colombia, Bogota

Bombing at Sears Store in Colombia

Three bombs exploded in the Sears store in Bogota on 31 March causing minor damage. The ELN claimed responsibility for the attack which it said was to commemorate the death of a university student killed during a confrontation with police in 1976.



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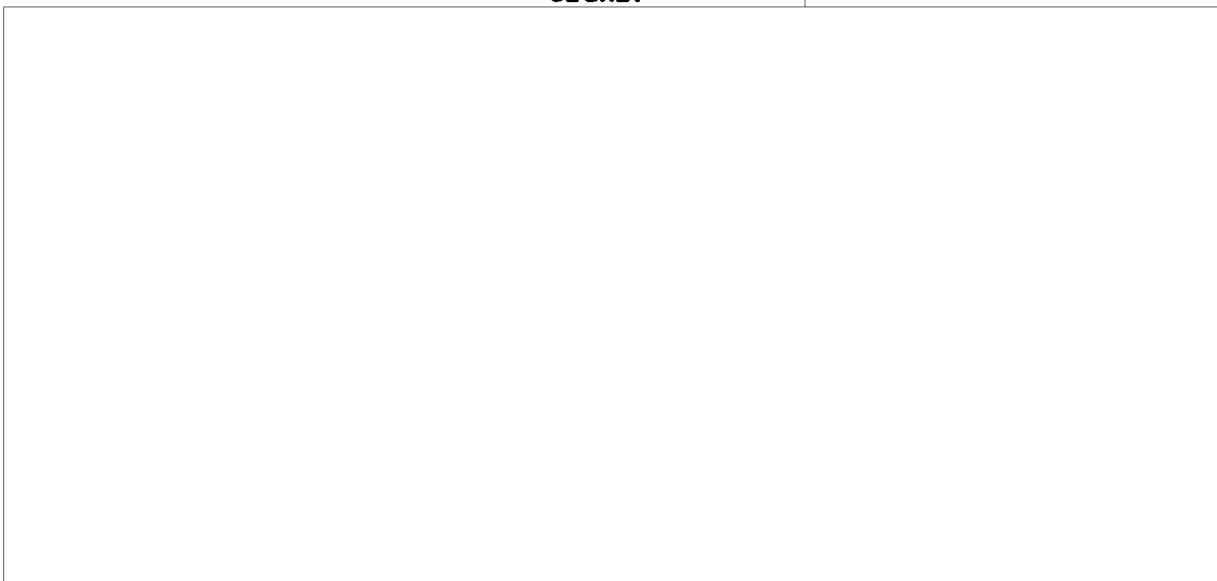
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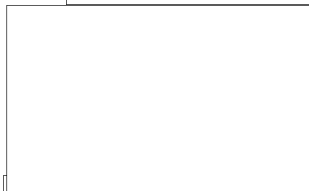
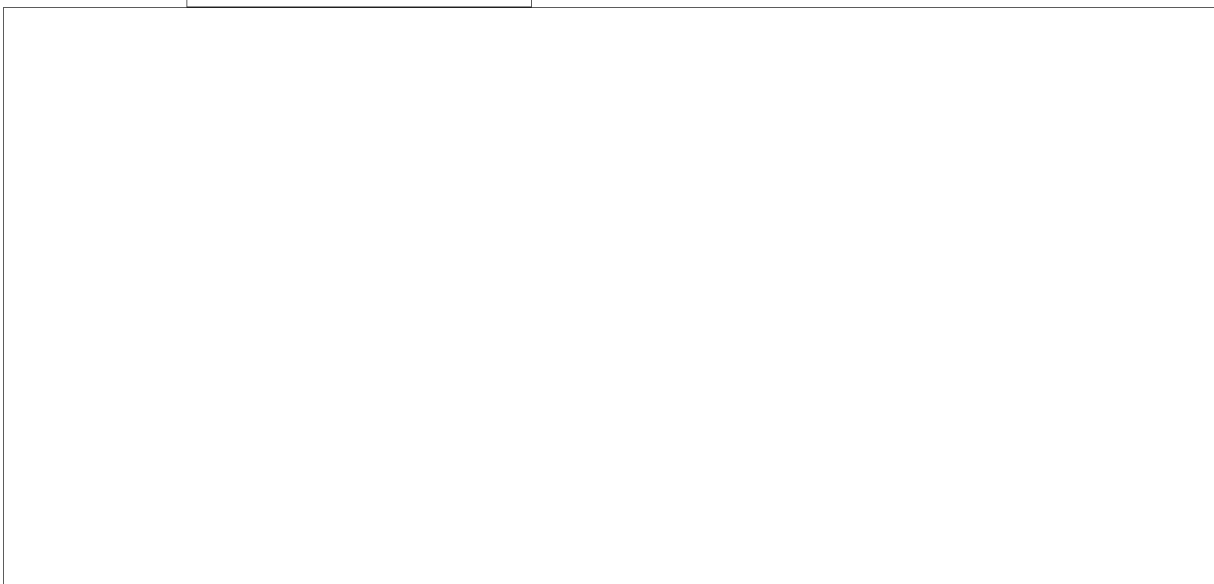
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U.S.-Cuban Anti-hijacking Accord to Expire

Cuba has indicated that it does not intend to renew its 1973 anti-hijacking agreement with the U.S. when it expires on 15 April. Premier Castro announced the abrogation of the four-year-old accord late last fall following the destruction of a Cubana Airlines plane shortly after it took off from Bridgetown, Barbados on 6 October. Castro charged at the time that U.S.-based Cuban exiles were responsible for the bombing. Nevertheless, the Cuban leader has indicated that the absence of a formal agreement will not prevent Havana from continuing to "cooperate with the U.S. on hijackings."

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CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 11 April 1977

Place: Costa Rica,
San Jose

Bomb Explosions in Costa Rica
A series of bombings occurred in San Jose on 11 April. One high-powered bomb exploded outside the offices of the U.S. military mission, causing considerable damage. Another explosion occurred at a downtown business office, and the Pan American offices at the San Jose airport were also

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bombed. The Revolutionary Commandos of Solidarity claimed responsibility for the bombings in a 12 April communique. The attacks may have been in retaliation for the recent death in Nicaragua of Sandinist leader Carlos Aguero Echeverria, who was a Costa Rican.

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Date: 11 April 1977

Place: Argentina,
Buenos Aires

Argentine Executive of U.S.-
connected Company Slain

An Argentine executive of the Surrey Company, which operates under a license from General Motors Corporation, was shot and killed in Buenos Aires on 11 April. Anonymous callers to Buenos Aires newspapers claimed the Montoneros were responsible for the killing.

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Date: 12 April 1977

Place: France, Paris

Firebomb Attacks on Two Franco-Soviet Organizations in Paris
Firebombs exploded at the France-USSR Association offices and at the Editions de Moscou publishing house in Paris on 12 April. The first blast resulted in only slight damage but the explosion at the publishing house caused extensive damage. Police suspect extreme rightist groups are responsible for the bombings.

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West German Embassy in Tel Aviv Seized

Two Israelis who said they were angered by what they saw as world apathy over unpunished Nazi war criminals seized part of the West German embassy in Tel Aviv on 14 April. Armed with a pistol, Andre Kilchinski, 40 years old, and Henri Toronchik, 34, occupied two empty rooms on the second floor of the building but surrendered peacefully five hours later.

The two men had promised to surrender if the embassy was shut down for the day and they were interviewed on Israeli television. Although they did speak with reporters afterward, the embassy remained open.

The two said they were protesting in particular the slow pace of a trial in Duesseldorf for 14 defendants who served as Nazi guards at the Maidanek concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. The trial began a year ago and is expected to last two more years.

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Two Hijacking Attempts Fail

A lone gunman attempted to get aboard a chartered TU-134 at Krakow, Poland on 24 April. He seized a hostage at the terminal building and then tried to reach the airliner, which was ready to take 61 West Germans to Nuremberg. According to witnesses the would-be hijacker appeared to be a Polish soldier. He was captured by Polish security officers dressed as mechanics.

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On 25 April two armed members of the Eritrean Liberation Front tried to commandeer an Ethiopian Airlines DC-3 that had taken off from Mekele in Tigre Province on an internal flight. One of the hijackers ordered the aircraft to Saudi Arabia but changed the destination to Sudan when told that the plane did not have enough fuel. The captain attempted to overpower one of the hijackers and in the shootout that ensued several passengers were wounded and both terrorists were killed by security guards.

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